

Councilmember Kansen Chu

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Councilmember Chu with Great American Litter Pick-Up volunteers at Berryessa Community Center on April 20, 2013.



Councilmember Chu at the Oak Hill Memorial Day Event on May 27, 2013.



Councilmember Chu meets with Noble Elementary School students at City Hall on April 26, 2013.

Door-to-Door in District 4 Newsletter

Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

The past two months have been very eventful in District 4. I had a great time meeting many of you at the Great American Litter Pick Up, 3rd Annual Family Day at the Berryessa Farmers Market, 39th Annual Berryessa Art and Wine Festival, and 2nd Annual Cinco de Mayo celebration at the Berryessa Branch Library.

As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to take a moment to congratulate all the graduates from college, high school, middle school, and elementary school this spring! This is a significant accomplishment and should be a time filled with excitement. I had the pleasure of attending the Independence High School and Piedmont Hills High School graduations in May and celebrated the achievement of the Class of 2013. Continuing the tradition from my years as a school boardmember, I will also be attending the graduations for Morrill, Sierramont, and Piedmont Middle Schools. I would like to recognize and thank all the parents, teachers, administration, and staff for their commitment and dedication to equip our students with the tools to pursue their dreams. Congratulations to each and every one of our graduates for all of your accomplishments!

With summer fast approaching, I encourage you to take part in the Summer Reading Celebration (*June 1 - July 31*) sponsored by the San Jose Public Library. Earn prizes for reading, completing fun activities, and participating in the library's summer activities. Stop by the Alviso Branch Library, Berryessa Branch Library, the newly opened Educational Park Branch Library, or any of the City's other 20 branches to sign up! I hope you and your family have a safe and happy summer.

Best Regards,



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District 4 Website: <http://www.tinyurl.com/district4>

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Neighborhood Groups

**Alviso
Neighborhood Group
Meets every 1st
Thursday at 6PM at
the Alviso Yacht Club
Contact: Betty Brown
betty@maileater.net**

**Alviso Water Taskforce
Meets every 2nd
Wednesday at 6PM at
the Alviso Library
www.alvisowater.org
Contact: Alviso Taskforce
alvisowater@gmail.com**

**Berryessa Citizens
Advisory Council
Meets every 2nd Monday
at 7PM at the Berryessa
Community Center
Contact: Ty Greaves
tgreaves@sbcglobal.net**

**River Oaks
Neighborhood
Association
Meets every 1st Thursday
at Premier Pizza
Contact: Jean Marlowe
jean@jeanmarlowe.com**

If you are interested in starting a neighborhood group, please contact my office at district4@sanjoseca.gov or call (408) 535-4904 for assistance.

DO YOU RECEIVE WEEKLY EMAILS FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU?

Sign-up by sending an email to: district4@sanjoseca.gov

Councilmember Chu's Budget Proposals

Each year, the City of San Jose must develop a budget plan that addresses the needs of the City's diverse communities, reflect shared priorities, and continue to move the City forward. Councilmembers submitted over 80 budget requests through the budget document process to the Mayor by the Wednesday, May 22nd, deadline.

This year, I submitted budget documents asking to add an additional neighborhood traffic calming engineer ([Budget Document #21](#)) to continue working with our neighborhoods to develop appropriate traffic calming measures, enhancing park maintenance at Penitencia Creek Park ([Budget Document #22](#)), increasing hours at existing branch libraries to 4.5 days ([Budget Document #23](#)), and providing free parking at San Jose regional parks on a quarterly basis ([Budget Document #24](#)).

I continue to advocate for funding to support the Art Box Project, a mural art program ([Budget Document #25](#)) to help eliminate graffiti in our neighborhoods. The City spends more than \$1.2 million each year to combat graffiti and vandalism on walls and utility boxes. In addition to graffiti prevention, a mural art program can help reduce blight, enhance the attractiveness and vibrancy of the community, and establish partnerships with local artists, businesses, and residents. District 4 currently has 3 art boxes along Berryessa Road.

Public safety continues to be a high priority for me and residents in District 4. I believe that our efforts to prevent crime are one of the reasons why San Jose is one of the safest big cities in America. Councilmember Campos and I submitted a budget request ([Budget Document #33](#)) to restore the Truancy Abatement and Burglary Suppression (TABS) Program to assist with the diversion efforts to curb youth criminal activities within our City. By dedicating funding in this year's budget to support this program, we will restore an effective program to divert youth from becoming involved with criminal activities, while promoting school attendance and graduation.

Lastly, I worked with Councilmember Kalra on budget documents to increase the number of code enforcement inspectors ([Budget Document #27](#)) to address residential code enforcement complaints and adding additional parks maintenance staff ([Budget Document #28](#)) to assist with the maintenance backlog and address park maintenance concerns. We also submitted a budget document to allocate one-time funding to support the San Jose Parks Foundation ([Budget Document #20](#)) in their effort to become independent in supporting the Parks Department with continued service and maintenance of parks and recreation infrastructure for the residents of San Jose.

To view the list of all budget documents that I submitted, please visit the following links:

- BD #20 – [San Jose Parks Foundation](#) (Chu/Kalra)
- BD #21 – [Add Additional Neighborhood Traffic Calming Engineer](#)
- BD #22 – [Enhancing Park Maintenance at Penitencia Creek Park](#)
- BD #23 – [Increasing Hours at Existing Branch Libraries to 4.5 Days](#)
- BD #24 – [Free Parking at San Jose Regional Parks](#)
- BD #25 – [Art Box Project](#)
- BD #27 – [Increase the Number of Code Enforcement Inspectors](#) (Kalra/Chu)
- BD #28 – [Additional Parks Maintenance Staff](#) (Kalra/Chu)
- BD #33 – [Truancy Abatement & Burglary Suppression Program](#) (Campos/Chu)

The Mayor released his June Budget Message on May 31st, which incorporated some of the recommendations from the City Council and propose a balanced budget for the next year. The final public hearing on the proposed operating and capital budget will take place on Monday, June 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The City Council is expected to review and adopt the June Budget Message on Tuesday, June 11th and to adopt the FY 2012-2013 Budget on Tuesday, June 18th. I appreciate hearing your thoughts, concerns, and priorities over the past few months as the City Council moves forward in preparing the FY 2013-2014 budget. Your feedback has given me valuable insight during the budget process as I work with my colleagues on the City Council.



30th Annual National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 6th, neighbors throughout San Jose are invited to participate with communities nationwide for the 30th Annual National Night Out. National Night Out will involve over 100,000 communities and over 34 million Americans are expected to participate this year.

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the San Jose Police Department. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug awareness, generate support for and participation in anti crime efforts, and strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. This night sends the message that neighbors are working together to keep their neighborhoods safe. It has been successful a partnership between the community, the Police Department, and the City of San Jose.



2012 National Night Out at Berryessa Creek Park

Last year, approximately 100 San Jose neighborhoods supported National Night Out by hosting a variety of events in their communities, such as potlucks, cookouts, ice cream socials and barbecues. The most important thing is to have fun and get to know your neighbors.



2012 National Night Out at Berryessa Creek Park

If you plan on hosting an event in your neighborhood, please register with the San Jose Police Department by contacting the Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 277-4133 or www.SJPD.org by Friday, July 26th. Registration is free and allows Police Department and my office to attend events held in District 4. I will be stopping by as many events as I can throughout the evening and hope to meet you and your neighbors. I encourage you to join me, your neighbors, residents throughout the City, and citizens across the country to participate in this year's National Night Out.

COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

**WEDNESDAY, August 7, 2013
4:30PM-6:30PM**

**The Grind Coffee House
2050 Concourse Drive #2
San Jose, CA 95131**

Dates and locations are subject to change.

Since I was elected to serve you in 2007, I have organized monthly community office hours in our district to receive feedback from residents as well as provide assistance. Over the past six years, I have enjoyed meeting with many of you at these sessions. I encourage you to continue to take advantage of these community office hours which take place once a month at various locations in the district. I look forward to working with you to improve our community.

There will be no June or July office hours. Please call the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to book a 15 minute appointment for August office hours.



Welcome Home Veterans & Resource Fair Event

On Saturday, June 22nd, I am hosting a Welcome Home Veterans & Resource Fair event to recognize District 4 and San Jose troops who have recently returned from military service; honor soldiers still serving overseas; and recognize veterans for their past service. The event will begin at 11 a.m. with a ceremony recognizing local veterans who have recently returned from service. The resource fair will include booths hosted by VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Veterans Supportive Services Agency, South Bay Blue Star Moms, VITAS Innovative Hospice Care, and Assemblymember Bob Wieckowski. Free lunch will be served by the Retired San Jose Police and Fire Fighters Association.

I am also partnering with Operation: Care and Comfort to organize a care package assembly area to create care packages that will be sent to troops serving overseas. We are seeking the following kinds of food donations: beef jerky, beef sticks, non-refrigerated cheese sticks, canned foods (*soups, raviolis, meats, fruit, etc.*), tuna packs with crackers, ready to heat meals (*non-refrigerated*), instant noodles, nuts, granola, trail mix, peanut butter, jam (*plastic containers*), crackers, breakfast and protein bars, instant oatmeal packets, breakfast bars, pop tarts, powdered drink mixes (*single serve for water bottles*), fruit leather, fruit snacks, and gallon sized zip lock bags.

If you are unable to attend but still want to donate items, you can drop off your donation at the Berryessa Community Center. I also need your help in identifying District 4 veterans who have recently returned from military service. If you know someone who has recently served or is serving in the military, please contact our office so we can have them recognized.

Funding for Alviso Sewer Improvements

I am pleased to share with residents in Alviso that the City of San José has recommended that \$10 million in funding from the Charcot Pump Station project be re-allocated provide additional resources to the Alviso Storm Station. Understanding the long history of flooding in the Alviso community, additional funding will address the more immediate need in the Alviso community. The Public Works Department will be considering whether to expand the current station or build a new one next to the existing station to provide more security for Alviso residents during the rainy season.

For more information, please contact Public Works Deputy Director Michael O'Connell at Michael.Oconnell@sanjsoeca.gov.

A Guide to Summer Learning and Activities

Summer learning loss is a huge problem and a significant contributor to the achievement gap. Over the summer, most children lose an average of one month of skills but the numbers for low income families are much higher. In order to help combat this, the City of San Jose and Santa Clara County Office of Education have worked in partnership with EdJigsaw to develop San Jose Beyond the Bell.

San Jose Beyond the Bell is an online tool to help parents connect to the best out of school programs for their child. Parents can search online for camps, museums and events in their local area. The website also has a summer learning guide to help parents think about what they can do over the summer to ensure that learning continues outside of school and a list of programs that are free and offer financial aid. For more information please visit: www.sanjosebeyondthebell.com

The San Jose Public Library is kicking off the Summer Reading Celebration on June 1st. Children, teens, and adults can earn prizes for reading, completing fun activities, and participating in the library's summer activities. Sign-up for Summer Reading for free. Visit www.sjpl.org/summer-reading-celebration-2013 to learn more and see the variety of activities offered between June 1st and July 31st. Events will be held at the new Educational Park Branch Library (1772 Educational Park Drive), Alviso Branch Library (5050 North First Street) and Berryessa Branch Library (3355 Noble Avenue).



3rd Annual Pride of District 4 Photography Contest

This is the second consecutive year my office and the San Jose Parks Foundation partnered together to host the Annual Pride of District 4 Photography Contest. This was a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their talent and art in the community. Middle and high school students submitted a photograph that expressed what the neighborhood means to them, what they are proud of, and what inspired them in Alviso, Berryessa, and North San Jose.

There were close to 40 entries this year and three winners in each age group were chosen. The San Jose Parks Foundation Executive Director James Reber, who has attended the U.S. Naval School of Photography, along with Vice President of Programs Helen Chapman assisted with the judging of the contest. They felt that all the photos had amazing qualities and were truly impressed by the work of such young photographers and artists. Thank you again to all the students who participated in this year's photography contest, and congratulations to the winners!

Middle School Winners



1st Place: Connor Hares
Merryhill School



2nd Place: Zachary Vaughn
Morrill Middle School



3rd Place: Steven Nguyen
Morrill Middle School

High School Winners



1st Place: Quan Phan
Piedmont Hills High School



2nd Place: Ngoc Huynh
Independence High School



3rd Place: Justin Ortiz
Independence High School



City & Community Contacts

City Hall Call Center

(408) 535-3500

Abandoned Vehicles

(408) 277-5305

Alviso Branch Library

(408) 263-3626

Alviso Youth Center

(408) 423-1706

Anti-Graffiti & Litter

(866) 249-0543

Berryessa Branch Library

(408) 808-3050

Berryessa Community &

Senior Center

(408) 251-6392

Berryessa Youth Center

(408) 715-6557

Code Enforcement

(408) 535-7770

Crime Prevention

(408) 277-4133

Garbage & Recycling

(408) 535-3500

Our City Forrest

(408) 998-7337

Parks & Recreation

(408) 535-3570

Sidewalk Repair

(408) 277-3158

Street Lights

(408) 794-1903

Street Sweeping

(408) 283-4800

Tree Trimming & Removal

(408) 277-2762

Meet Your District 4 Team

Stephanie Fong, Chief of Staff

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FOCUS AREAS

Berryessa Neighborhood, Budget, Capital Improvement Projects, Intergovernmental Relations, Labor, Personnel, Intern Coordination, and Media Relations.

COMMITTEES

Rules and Open Government; Neighborhood Services & Education



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COMMITTEES

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COMMITTEES

Transportation & Environment; Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support

If you are interested in receiving District 4 updates, please send an email to district4@sanjoseca.gov or call my office (408) 535-4904.

I send one email a week regarding upcoming events and meetings in the district as well as citywide and District 4 news.





DISTRICT 4 CALENDAR

For up-to-date event information, visit www.tinyurl.com/district4 and email district4@sanjoseca.gov to receive E-Notices.

JUNE

5 ALVISO NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETING

6:00PM-7:00PM
Alviso Yacht Club
1491 Hope Street

Contact Betty Brown at etty@maileater.net.

6 RIVER OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

7:00PM-8:30PM
Premier Pizza
670 River Oaks Parkway

Contact Jean Marlowe at marlowe@ro-na.org

10 BERRYESSA CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

7:00PM-8:30PM
Berryessa Community Center
3050 Berryessa Road

Contact Ty Greaves at tgreaves@sbcglobal.net

14 6TH ANNUAL CITYWIDE YOUTH CONFERENCE

8:00AM-5:00PM
San Jose City Hall
200 E Santa Clara Street

Contact Betty Ramirez at betty.ramirez@sanjoseca.gov

19 FIRE OPS 101

8:00AM-3:00PM
Fire Department Bureau of Field Operations Campus
255 S Montgomery St.

Contact District 4 at district4@sanjoseca.gov

20 ALVISO WATER TASK FORCE

6:00PM-7:00PM
Alviso Branch Library
5050 North First Street

Contact District 4 at district4@sanjoseca.gov

22 WELCOME HOME VETERANS & RESOURCE FAIR

11:00AM-1:00PM
Noble Park
Noble Park, San Jose, CA 95132

Contact Brandon Li at brandon.li@sanjoseca.gov

23 NORTHWOOD SCHOOL & PARK CLEANUP

9:00AM-10:00AM
Noble Elementary School
2760 Trimble Road

Contact Kim Gomez at kgomez@busd.net

29 LET'S ROCK: STORY TIME & CRAFTS

3:00PM
Alviso Branch Library
5050 North First Street

Contact District 4 at district4@sanjoseca.gov



JULY

4 FOURTH of JULY HOLIDAY

City Hall Closed



14 JULY DONATION & E- WASTE DRIVE

10:00AM-2:00PM
New Harvest Christian Fellowship Church
1174 Murphy Ave

Contact John Koncoli at jkancoli@hoperservices.org for more information.

19 4TH ANNUAL WEST COAST DISABILITY PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL

11:00AM-3:00PM
Castro Street & Evelyn Avenue
Mountain View, CA 94041

Contact District 4 at district4@sanjoseca.gov for more information.

Event dates are subject to change. Please contact the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to confirm events.



Councilmember Chu presenting PHHS Team HBV with the Hepatitis B Awareness Month Proclamation on May 14, 2013.



Venerable Thich Vien Thong led the Invocation at the City Council meeting on April 9, 2013



Educational Park Branch Library Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting on May 18, 2013.

VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!



Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley

The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley strives to provide high quality care and rehabilitation for injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley Community. Volunteer to assist our wildlife!

(408) 929-9453 • www.wcsv.org

Adopt A Park Program

Adopt a Park Program strives to protect and enhance San Jose's neighborhood parks and open spaces by volunteer support, and at the same time dedicated to educating San Jose residents about the importance of parks. Adopt a Park today!

(408) 793-4190 • www.sjadoptapark.org



Celebrating 25 Years

Santa Visits Alviso



Santa Visits Alviso has been serving the Alviso Community since 1983 and is dedicated to bringing gifts & the Spirit of the Holidays to hundreds of toddlers and teens every year. Santa Visits Alviso is an all volunteer organization & is active year long.

rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us • www.alvisosanta.com



Friends of the Library Program

District 4 is proud to have two libraries to serve our community. Call today for volunteer opportunities!

Friends of Alviso Library • (408) 263-3626

Friends of Berryessa Library • (408) 808-2181



Help an Adult Improve Their Reading and Writing!

Become a volunteer tutor for the adult literacy program, Partners in Reading, at the San Jose Public Library (SJPL). One-on-one tutoring will take place within branches of the SJPL & other public sites in San Jose. All sessions are required and participants must register in advance.

Partners in Reading • (408) 808-2361

Make a Difference in Your Park

One day service events are a great way for families, teens, senior citizens, community, school, or corporate groups to come together, learn gardening skills, clean up local parks, and enjoy nature — all in 2-6 hours. Your neighborhood park needs you!

ParkVolunteer@sanjoseca.gov • (408) 535-3588

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 <http://tinyurl.com/sjdistrict4>

 <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kansen-Chu/129515027099190>

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